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My dear Joshua,

I have received your letter and feel that I cannot await any further to answer it, if my answer has to be of any use to plan your return journey, even if I am unable to give information of a final nature at this stage.

I hope very much you will be able to go back to the States via Europe. I am certainly here all November. I am only sorry that the financial effort we can put up does not show the pleasure we shall have in having you here; finances of research and universities ^{here} are not up to American standards. I have phoned or written to Rome (Chain, Istituto di Sanità; Graziosi, Microbiology) and Naples (Montalenti) to see what they can do and am waiting for answers. As to Milan-Pavia you should count on approximately \$ 200 (and a couple of lectures), one in Milan more formal, and elementary, one in Pavia, more seminar-like. And if you lecture in Rome you should send the text so as to reach them at least a week in advance, for translation and duplication. Life in Italy in hotels will cost you from 7 to 15 dollars per night (double bedroom). Unfortunately we cannot put you up at home, because the children are going to school, and the house was planned for a smaller number of them. I suppose you will not have to bother for meals.

It would be very good to see you here at that time because I hope that then ~~my~~ my position, at present still unsettled, will have reached a more final stage. My prospects of coming to Madison next year ~~are~~ depend on ~~that~~ it, too, because if there will be further delay in my change over I may have to lecture in the semester April to June, and thus come to Madison, before April, if this fits your plans. How long before I am unable to say now, but should be in a position to know at the time you could be here. Another reason for being in Italy in June-July is that I have accepted to give a paper at the Genetics Congress (Symposium on Evolution) and will have to be here for a final analysis of the Parma data. It is rather inconvenient to have both the Genetics and the Microbiology Congresses almost synchronised; but it will be better next year than it was in 1953, when I was, at the same time, organizing the Biometry Conference.

I have received a letter from Freeman ^{asking for a schedule for completion of the manuscript} (one more thing to discuss together, some time) and have answered as ~~follow~~ from the enclosed copy; rather uncompromisingly, as you will see.

I hope that, in spite of finances, we shall see you and Esther next November; Alba and I are looking forward very much to it. I will let you know more as soon as I know of it. Unfortunately correspondence takes long; your letter took 12 days to reach here, and some days were lost because most people happened to be away last week